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For: SYSTEM OF CONDUCTING PROCEDURE FOR SERVICE CONTRACT OF SERVICE  
INSTITUTION AND CONSUMER IN PLACE OF BOTH SERVICE INSTITUTION  
AND CONSUMER AND METHOD USING THE SYSTEM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Gazette No. 9-134389, published May 20, 1997 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Gazette No. 11-85784, published March 30, 1999 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Gazette No. 11-120238, published April 30, 1999 with English Abstract.



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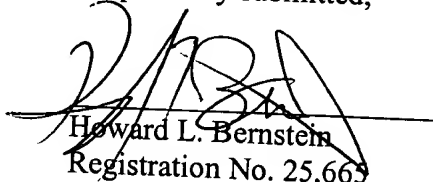
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